LEADERS OF MODERN ISRAEL

ELDER ALBERT E. BOWEN

THE birth of a son blessed the humble log-cabin home of David Bowen and Annie Shackleton Bowen, on the 31st day of October, 1876, at Henderson Creek, near Samaria, Idaho. He was the seventh child to be born to this hardy Pioneer couple of the finest of Welsh and English stock.

From that humblest of births, Albert Ernest Bowen has led a brilliant career as a jurist and advocate, to be consumated by being an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. His life has been one of unselfish devotion to duty; his rise to the top has been steady, and his achievements many.

His power has been felt in Religious Class Work, Sunday School, and Mutual Improvement Association.

He was ordained an Apostle April 8th, 1937, at the age of 61, by President Heber J. Grant.

On the occasion of his seventieth birthday we extend to him our greetings and good wishes for his future happiness.

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Finland Dedicated

PRESIDENT EZRA TAFT BENSON, the first of the General Authorities of the Church to ever visit Finland, arrived there 13th July, 1946. Before docking, President Benson was met aboard ship by a news reporter; others were awaiting him on the quayside.

Accompanied by President Bloomquist of the Swedish Mission, and two missionaries labouring in Finland, President Benson drove to Larsmo, where he was greeted with most unusual fervour. He was greatly touched by the inspiring testimonies that were borne there.

In token of their appreciation, the Saints of the Larsmo Branch presented a Finnish flag and a lovely silver plate to Presidents Benson and Bloomquist, with both their monograms inscribed, together with the date of their visit.

Early in the morning of 16th July, 1946, President Benson and his party, accompanied by a group of 16 Saints, went to a spot on an elevated rise about half a mile south of the Grev School, bordering near the Larsmo-Jakobstad highway, and held the dedicatory service. This most memorable service ever held in Finland was commenced by the small group singing "The Spirit of God like a Fire is Burning," and Elder C. Fritz Johansson offered the invocation, after which President Bloomquist briefly reviewed the history of the missionaries who had laboured there since 1861, relating their successes as well as their persecutions, then the land was dedicated to the preaching of the Gospel by Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve, now serving as European Mission President.

"The morning was beautiful, the sun was shining, the birds were singing, and the prayer offered was so inspirational that those present could feel that the angels and those who had passed on to the Spirit world from this goodly land were rejoicing at this memorable occasion. Tears of gratitude expressed the feelings of all those present, an even they will never forget."

The spot was marked so that at some future time a monument commemorating this event might be erected.

Appeal to Youth

by President J. Reuben Clark, Jnr.

YOU have heard today, and in other days, of the strife that is in the world, the hatred, selfishness, ambition, greed, and avarice. We pray, as we do pray always, for those who lead the nations to be inspired of the Lord, that they may lead us into paths that He would have us follow. And yet, if you reflect, you will appreciate these men are merely carrying out what they understand to be the will and the desires of the nations they represent. And a little more reflection will bring to you the knowledge that the moral level of the nation is below, not above, the average moral level of the people who compose the nation. And, therefore, if we would have peace in the world, and we all would have it, the responsibility for obtaining it is in the individual. If we want peace, we as individuals must live for it and must put out of our thoughts, and our hearts, and our acts, everything inconsistent with peace. There is no other way. Peace, lasting peace, will never come by force.

He will cut short in the last days the era of destruction that should attend them.

GREATEST TODAY IN OPPORTUNITY

The youth of today are frequently told of their greatness, and of their excellence, and I would not detract therefrom. But youth is greatest today in its opportunity. Whether they are abler, or better, or will reach higher levels of achievement than their parents and their grandparents, is for them yet to prove. But their opportunity is here.

I remember years ago reading some scientist's observation that mankind himself would yet destroy himself and disappear. The opening of this age of atoms seems to most of us as a possible outcome of the development of that great field of energy. It is for us as individuals, it is for you youth who move into that field, to determine how far that scientist's prognostication shall prove true. Fortunately, the Lord has said that for the elect's sake

You have great opportunities not alone in science, but in art. Art has slipped back from the high level it once had, but you have the opportunity to bring it back to its former excellence. There are great opportunities in literature.

Once before in the history of the English-speaking race literature fell to a low ebb, but I think never lower than today, when the thing that is written to sell, panders to our worst instincts. Cultural filth has a currency today that it has not had before in the history of this Church, so far as such literature is concerned. It is your opportunity to bring back the former high standard.

I do not listen much to the radio, only as my obligations require, but never in my lifetime has there been such a whining, shameless, sometimes perverted sensuality in our music as there is today. Popular songs are filled with expressions of the lowest immorality that some of us older ones do not understand, but I am sure that some of the youth do. Your opportunity lies ahead in music, to restore it to its former lofty heights.

NO NEW ELEMENTAL VICES

You have another opportunity, indeed several of them. I would like the youth of today to understand that there is no elemental vice among men that has not been among men since the time of Adam—hate, murder, ambition, greed, sensuality. Men, says the Good Old Book, became, after Cain's sin, carnal, selfish, and devilish, and from that day until now every one of us who has been born into mortality has had to fight these vices. All of us who have been able to overcome them have had to do it by the strength of our wills and the assistance of the Spirit of the Lord.

These vices and the urges thereto are no greater with you than they were with us. Unfortunately, they are now more prevalent. We have had to pray in order successfully to exert our strength to overcome. And it is no harder for you than it was for us. And you can achieve even as the best of your parents and your grandparents achieved. There is only one way that I know of overcoming sin. You can try to sneak away from it, you can turn your back and expect it to disappear, but it will be there when you stop, and when you turn about it will face you. The only way that you can overcome sin is to meet it, forefront it, and conquer it. This is another great opportunity.

AVOID TEMPTATION

The Lord taught His disciples to pray "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." I would like the young people to know and to realize, I want you to think about this, that temptation seldom comes to meet you, unless you seek it where it is to be found. All too frequently you lead yourselves into temptation. The Lord will help you to avoid temptation if you will but ask Him, and then in sincerity try to make good your own prayer by keeping away from temptation. Many, many, many times we can fulfil our own prayers if we but have the wisdom and will to make the effort.

Do not, my young friends, brothers and sisters, do not go into temptation; keep away from it, and then your task will be immeasurably easier. And I repeat, there is no incentive, no urge which you have, that your fathers and your mothers did not have, and that they did not place under their feet that they might rise to where they are today. And even as with them, so shall it be with you. And this I can promise you with all of the assurance that I possess, it is an actual knowledge that I have—if you will seek the Lord, if you will keep His commandments, if you will observe that old prayer, "lead us not into temptation," your lives shall be filled with happiness, you shall have joy in your living. God will bless you, and out of you youth shall come a force and a power that will help you to save the world.

And may God give all of us this strength, this power, old and young, for the oldest of us are not beyond the reach of Satan, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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An understandable Religion

THE CREATIVE, SUSTAINING POWER

By John A. Widtsoe

IN building a religion, one question appears and reappears: "Why is man on earth?"

Stripped of all incidentals, the answer may be simply stated: We are on earth because of God's love for us, His spirit children.

Love is the impelling motive in God's relationship to man. It is the force or power which gives life to the plan of salvation. "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (I John 4: 16)

CREATIVE AND SUPPORTING POWER

Could we see more clearly, perhaps we should discern that love is the creative and supporting power of the universe, to its uttermost bounds. Without love, there would be universal quiet, silence and extinction.

Love alone explains the gospel. For love of us, Christ hung upon the Cross. Love, with its children, goodwill, kindness, charity, and mercy, make life on earth tolerable, and it will redeem us at last. Love is the beginning and end of God's labour for man. Whatever is of God is founded in love. It is this principle that supports every doctrine and activity of the restored gospel.

LOVE DESIRABLE

We need but read human history in the light of this principle to learn that human affairs are worthy only in the proportion that goodwill, or love of others, is imbedded in them. That should be the first consideration of ruler or people, in weighing the merits of any proposed action.

The supreme importance of love makes it desirable, yes necessary, to be able to recognize it. The full and essential nature of love we may not understand. But there are tests by which it may be recognized.

Love is always founded in truth. It is organically a part of truth. Lies and deceit, or any other violation of the moral law, are proofs of love's absence. Love perishes in the midst of untruth. That is a simple test of the presence of love. Thus, the lover who falsifies to his loved one, or offers her any act contrary to truth. does not really love her.

Further, love does not offend or hurt the loved one. By that test any human venture, past or present, may be measured for its real value. Cruelty is as absent from love as north is from south, as truth is from untruth. Let the lover and the loved one heed this test.

POSITIVE FORCE

But, love is a positive, active force. It helps the loved one. If there is need, love tries to supply it. If there is weakness, love supplants it with strength. The loved one is upheld; she may lean safely upon the shoulder of true love. This applies to any human venture or relationship. Love that does not help is a faked or transient love.

Good as these tests are, there is a greater one. True love sacrifices for the loved one. That is, love gives of itself to its object. That is the final test. Christ gave of Himself, gave His life, for us, and thereby proclaimed the reality of His love for His mortal brethren and sisters. The mother gives of her own flesh and blood, and jeopardizes her very life, for her child. In family relationships there must be mutual sacrifices among husband, wife, and children, else true love is not there. To give to the loved one that which we would keep for ourselves, is the truest measure of our love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son." (John 3: 16)

Statesmen, and all who deal with humanity, should take notice of this greatest test of goodwill. Unless treaties among nations give to others something dear to the contracting

parties, they are only "scraps of paper." Only as they, who write the treaties, observe this principle of sacrifice, will their documents and agreements have lasting value. All, who wrestle with problems of peace, should heed the supreme test of sacrifice.

There is the fable abroad that love is unmanly, is weak and fearful. Quite the contrary is true. Love is courageous. It knows no fear. Witness a mother's battle for her child. There is no true courage unless love gives it power. Love proceeds to its task without question. In all its labours, it builds, constructs, creates. The great achievements of men root in a love willing to give of itself, willing to sacrifice.

HATE IS FOE OF LOVE

It is illuminating to read history in terms of love. We soon find that battles are won, in the end, only by love.

Hate, the opposite of love is cowardly. It is full of fear. It lives by stealth and deceit. It sneaks about and, like hyenas, feeds on rottenness. It destroys and tears to pieces. It spells ultimate disaster for the individual or nation that engages in it. It is never a final victor; for it battles only for selfishness. It would "uproar the universal peace, confound all unity on earth." (Macbeth, Act 4, Scene 3) Hate of the foe never leads to victory. Therefore, it has recourse to destruction and murder, as in Macbeth.

" . . . Now does he feel
His secret murders sticking on his hands;
Those he commands move only in command;
Nothing in love."
(Macbeth Act 5, Scene 2)

MOST POWERFUL MEANS

Of all the means for conquest given to man, whether of nature or self, love is the most powerful. "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the geratest of these is love." (I Cor. 13: 13) Love qualifies men for the work of God, declared modern revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith. (D. and C. 4: 5)

In daily life the most evident product of love is tolerance. Tolerance means that we allow others to believe and act, unhindered, provided they do not interfere with our beliefs and acts. It also means that, similarly, we do not infringe upon the rights of others. Tolerance is the first step towards love among mankind. Only on the basis of tolerance for one another's personalities and beliefs can we work and achieve together.

Intolerance is of the devil. Satan has used intolerance in all ages, to achieve his purpose, to shape men into his own evil and truth-denying pattern. Intolerance and bigotry form the blackest chapter of human history. It has been the enemy of love, and of love's sweet fruits, from the beginning.

The manner of intolerance never varies: Hissing, spitting, clawing, killing where it dares; and skulking, leering, maiming in the dark, when its cowardly soul feels itself in the minority. One cannot reason with intolerance. It is the jungle beast in the world of thought; it is the vulture fattening on putrid beliefs. Where intolerance is, there is stagnation. The memory of man's deeds of intolerance cannot be erased from memory. We blush for shame at the recollection of them.

John Huss was burned at the stake for daring to teach that members of the church should partake of both emblems of the sacrament; Servetus for clinging to the spirit of the scripture; Joan of Arc for no detectable crime whatever. Their ashes, and the ashes of a multitude of the victims of intolerance, cry for a day of tolerant living together of honest men and women.

DEVIL'S FAVOURITE DECEIT

Worst of all, these crimes have usually been perpetrated in the name of God. It has been made to appear that it is incumbent upon us to force men, if needs be, into the acceptance of

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A Major Responsibility

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by

Ezra Taft Benson

European Mission President

IN June of 1830, Samuel Harrison Smith trudged down a country road in New York State on the first official missionary journey in the Church in this new dispensation. He had been set apart by his brother-Prophet. With copies of a new and strange book on his back he travelled 25 miles that first day without disposing of a single copy. Seeking lodging for the night, faint and hungry, he was turned away—after briefly explaining his mission—with the words: "You liar, get out of my house. You shan't stay one minute with your books." Continuing his journey, discouraged and with heavy heart, he slept that first night under an apple tree.

So began, in the most inauspicious way, the missionary work of the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, through the Restored Church — the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

One hundred and sixteen years have come and gone since the first humble missionary set out to carry the message of salvation to a confused world. In fulfilment of the first of three all-important, God-given mandates, this great work has gone forward through the years unabated. It is a dramatic chapter in the history of a peculiar people. But in all the annals of Christendom there is no greater evidence of courage, willingness to sacrifice and unbounded devotion to duty. Men, women and children—all have joined in this heroic effort with no hope of material reward.

These ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, as they firmly believe themselves to be, have trudged through mud and snow, swum rivers, gone without the common necessities of food, shelter and clothing in response to a call. Voluntarily fathers and sons have left homes, families and jobs to go to all parts of the world, enduring great physical hardship and unrelenting persecution. Families have been left behind—often in dire straights—willingly labouring the harder to provide means for "their missionary." And through it all there has been a joy and satisfaction which has caused families at home to express gratitude for special blessings received and the missionaries invariably to refer to this period as "the happiest time of my life."

It has been conservatively estimated that between 75,000 and 100,000 full-time missionaries have served the Church since 1830, to say nothing of the thousands of local men and women who have performed valiant missionary service at home, numbering currently more than 2,000. These faithful emissaries, who have gone abroad, have expended from 45,000,000 to 60,000,000 days of missionary effort at a cost, through loss of personal income and expense for living, of more than £56,250,000 to £75,000,000 — and this does not include any costs of transportation to and from or in the Field, costs of administration at home or abroad, nor expense of local missionary service.

Probably no group of people of comparable size in all the world has made

such a free-will offering to the spread of righteousness—and this from people who are not wealthy and who, in addition, are expected to contribute one-tenth of their interest annually to "the work of the Lord," according to the ancient-modern law of the tithe.

Why? What is it that brings forth such sacrifice of time, means and the comforts and sweet associations of home?

Is it not the burning conviction that God has again revealed Himself to man on the earth, re-established His Church with all the gifts and blessings enjoyed in former days and committed again to men His Holy Priesthood with authority to exercise it for the blessing of His children? Yes, without doubt, it is the personal testimony of the divinity of this great latter-day work, faith in the commands which have been given in this and all past dispensations regarding the purposes of the Almighty and our responsibility as His covenant children, the knowledge that God lives and loves His children, and the conviction that it is our misson to build and save men everywhere.

From the days of the Prophet Adam to the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his successors, whenever the priesthood has been on the earth, **a major responsibility has been the preaching of the saving, eternal principles of the gospel**—the plan of salvation. Father Adam taught these things to his own children. (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 5: 12) Consider Noah's long years of missionary effort and the preachings of all the ancient prophets. (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 8: 16-20) Each in his day was commanded to carry the gospel message to the children of men and call them to repentance as the only means of escaping the pending judgments. The Master made crystal clear the great mission of His ancient apostles to "go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

In the early visits of the resurrected Moroni to the Prophet Joseph Smith, it was emphasized that the Prophet's name would be known for good or evil throughout the world, and that the new volume of scripture and the Restored Gospel message, which it contained, would have to be carried to the entire world "by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days."

More than a year before the Church was organized, the Lord revealed through the Prophet that "a marvellous work is about to come forth among the children of men" and that the field was "ripe already to harvest." The early converts were charged with the burden of the responsibility as follows: "Therefore,, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day." (D. and C. 4: 2) They were counselled to ever "remember that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of men." (D. and C. 3: 3) In consoling, confidence-inspiring words the Lord admonished them to "fear not, little flock; do good; let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my rock, they cannot prevail," and "look unto me in every thought; doubt not, fear not." These early elders were cautioned that "no one can assist in this work except he be humble and full of love" and yet they were given such convincing assurance that the thought of failure never entered their hearts.

As testimonies of the truth of the mission of the Prophet Joseph were borne in upon their hearts, they often asked the Prophet to enquire of the Lord as to "that which would be of most worth" unto them. Always the answer came clear and unequivocal: "And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father." (D. and C. 15: 6)

Great promises were made to these early missionaries. They were told that "the worth of souls is great in the sight of God" and that if they "should labour all your days in crying

repentance unto this people and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father," and that if many souls were converted, their joy would be multiplied accordingly. All these and many other glorious promises were made even before the Church was formally organized, April 6th, 1830.

Following the organization, men and women were baptized and worthy brethren ordained to the priesthood and set apart to cry repentance and to deliver the message of the Restored Gospel. **Even greater promises were embodied in the revelations which followed,** many of which referred in no uncertain terms to the solemn responsibility resting upon the Restored Church to preach the word. In the autumn of that same year came the word of the Lord through the Prophet as follows: "For verily, verily, I say unto you that ye are called to lift up your voices as with the sound of a trump to declare my gospel unto a crooked and perverse generation. For behold, the field is white already to harvest; and it is the eleventh hour, and the last time that I shall call labourers into my vineyard." (D. and C. 33: 2-3) The Lord made it plain to these humble ambassadors that they were "preparing the way of the Lord for his second coming," and that the time was soon at hand that He should "come in power and great glory."

In referring to the "eleventh hour, and the last time that I shall call labourers into my vineyard," the Lord made it clear that this is the last dispensation and a period foreordained from the beginning not to be overcome by the powers of evil. This, too, was most re-assuring to these early elders. **And yet at times, then as now, all were not fully faithful. Some failed to effectively use the talents with which the Lord had blessed them "because of the fear of man."** With these the Lord registered his displeasure because they would not open their mouths and proclaim His word. "Wo unto such, for my anger is kindled against them." (D. and C. 60: 2)

The fearful, however, were the exception and, as the work advanced, the promises made to these messengers of peace and salvation increased. They were promised that their words would be prompted by the power of the Holy Ghost and would "be the will of the Lord" and scripture unto the people inasmuch as they were faithful. They were told in no uncertain terms that they were being sent "out to prove the world," that they should "not be weary of mind, neither darkened . . . and a hair" of their head should "not fall to the ground unnoticed. Likewise they should "not go hungry, neither athirst."

Is it any wonder then that with their personal testimonies that a new dispensation of the gospel was being opened up, coupled with these stirring promises of the Lord, they went forth in power and at great personal sacrifice, without monetary reward, even though their numbers were few and their circumstances poor. Add to this the fact that the heavenly pronouncements emphasized that this was the last time the gospel should be given to men as a witness in preparation for Christ's second coming and the end of the world—the end of wickedness. **Theirs was the responsibility of warning the world of impending judgments as it is our today.** They knew, as do we, that the Lord has said: "For a desolating scourge shall go forth among the inhabitants of the earth, and shall continue to be poured out from time to time, if they repent not, until the earth is empty, and the inhabitants thereof are consumed away and utterly destroyed by the brightness of my coming. Behold, I tell you these things, even as I also told the people of the destruction of Jerusalem; and my word shall be verified at this time as it hath hitherto been verfiied." (D. and C. 5: 19-20)

The time came in late 1831 to consider the publication of the revelations that the Lord had given to His Church. By this time many revelations had been received and the Church had shown considerable growth in spite

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Poetry . . .

SERVICE

By DOUGLAS T. WALKER

God has called us to His service,
For a wise and noble plan;
Unto us this plan is given,
Nor can we serve both God and man.
What is our answer to this call,
Are we prepared to give our all?
Then if we are we must be sure
Our hearts and minds are clean and pure,
As in this service we shall prepare
For our Eternal Life, somewhere.
This is the clarion call today—
Arise! all saints and faithful be,
With peace and love and deep humility.
Give the sign to every nation
That we are bringing them salvation.
Then, when we pray, give thanks to Him,
Who gave us life and breath, that in
This world we use our earthly frame
To glorify His heavenly name.
That is the purpose and the plan
We cannot serve both God and man.

THE TRAIL BUILDERS

By BARRY MAKIN

11 year old member of Weoley Castle Primary

We are the trail builders
Seeking for right,
Helping the Elders to
Fight the good fight.
We are the blazers
Who mark off the track
To freedom and righteousness
For those that it lack.
We are the trekers
Who travel so far
To find better countries
For the Christians there are.
We are the guides who come so far
To guide all the people
To Zion afar.
We are the leaders.
We know what is right;
By doing these things
We will win the good fight.

Unfeigned Faith

by

George H. Bailey, Senr.

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"I WILL go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the things which he commandeth them.' (1st Nephi, 3: 7) Thus spoke Nephi, youthful prophet of God, as he sallied forth to accomplish the task which his brethren, Lamen and Lemmuel, had failed to accomplish.

This remarkable truth spoken by the prophet Nephi 600 years B.C. and given to the present generation through the revealed word of God as contained in the Book of Mormon, is a challenge to all to put away all things which savour of disregard for the keeping of God's commandments and to demonstrate the purifying and refining influences which the keeping of God's commandments produces in human life.

In the light of Nephi's revealing words there can be no justification for the excuses so often put forth as reasons for failure to keep the commandments of God and, if, as inferred in this inspired statement, the keeping of God's commandments is applicable to all, irrespective of our varied so-called handicaps, then we must accept Nephi's challenge and repent.

That man needs to repent is evidenced by prevailing conditions, as in the days of Noah, so today men have rejected God; His commandments given amid the thunders of Sinai find small place in the hearts of men today, the purpose of life is interpreted to mean eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we may die, life's true meaning is not understood, the sacrifice and triumph of Calvary is considered by many as a historical account of questionable veracity.

Hatred and war and their ugly brood—famine, pestilence and disease —rear up their frightful heads and are devastating the soul of our generation, that life will only work one way and that, God's way history has proved again and again, when men accept this truth and keep God's commandments our present heartaches and sorrows will pass as the hoar frost before the rising sun.

Fundamental to the salvation of the colony led by the prophet Lehi from Jerusalem into the deserts of Arabia, thence to South America, was the word of God inscribed upon the brass plates held by King Laban, by command of God through their father—the prophet Lehi—Laman and Lemual returned to Jerusalem to retrieve those plates, but, walking in the fear of what men might do, these two men returned to their father and complained that the task which God had given them was too great for them to accomplish alone, and at that moment Nephi, their younger brother, arose in the majesty of his mighty faith and uttered those immortal words, "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them."

The mighty King Laban, surrounded by a seeming impregnable guard, presented a forbidding picture to the faith

starved Laman and Lemuel, but to the youthful Nephi here was a challenge to prove that even God is bound when men do His will. That Nephi secured the plates under great mental and physical stress goes to prove that while God will open the way for man to do His will, He will at the same time demand from them the best they have to give.

We live today in the hour of man's extremity, but it is also the HOUR OF GOD'S OPPORTUNITY, and His mighty arm He is making bare. From the sacred grove of Palmyra, and the transcendent truth there revealed, to the hour in which we live, the word of God has never ceased to flow.

With faith unfeigned, such as was characterized in the life and labour of the prophet Nephi, let us give heed to the word of God revealed through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, mighty prophet of God in these latter days. Let us submit ourselves to the penetrating rays of living light now appearing that our souls may be pierced and let us learn anew life's meaning and purpose, from whence we came, the purpose of our present life and the glorious destiny which awaits all who by faith will learn that in this great and marvellous Universe in which we live and move we are subject to eternal law which is in constant operation, and that all who go in opposition are merely kicking against the pricks.

To the prophet Joseph Smith the Lord declared, "There is a law irrevocably decreed in the heavens before the foundations of this world, and when we gain any blessing from our Father in heaven it is by obedience to that law upon which the blessing is predicated."

In the restored gospel the Lord has presented us with the laws that govern the way to the more abundant life, universal peace, brotherhood and all that these imply will be the lot of man ONLY when man recognizes and obeys the laws that govern the right of way thereto, or, in other words, when men, like Nephi of old, will do the things which God hath commanded, then will the dawn of the long sought for new day burst with resplendent glory over the earth. The Gospel Restored throug the Prophet Joseph Smith needs not defending, but proclaiming, as we contemplate the mighty surge of the rising tide of truth flowing from the throne of grace through this mighty prophet of the latter days, we feel to say to our present generation:—

O stubborn man canst thou not hear
The guiding voice of Israel's Seer?
For through him Christ has shown the way
To love and life and endless day.
And if in faith thou shall be bold
All truth its pages shall unfold.
The mysteries of eternal space
Display their grandeur to thy face.
Then come unto the fold and see
The glorious truths awaiting thee.
The Gospel is the only key
That gives to us the pow'r to see
From whence we came and why we're here—
Removes from thoughts of death all fear;
Reveals a glorious, higher plain
Which God desires should be our aim.

O mortal man canst thou not see
Just what this Gospel holds for thee?
It bids thee fair, if thou wilt dare,
To free thyself from Mammon's snare.
Just trust in God and fear no foe;
Thou art a God in embryo.

Are we Protecting Our Children?

by

Leone C. Jacobs

Member of the Relief Society General Board

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IN a recent article by Angelo Patri, he says, "The latest report on the death of young children is something to make us all quiver. The health of our babies is wonderful and we have a fine crop of them. But the record of fatal accidents to young children is shocking. Why do we allow these needless fatalities to the little ones? The accidents happen at home for the greater part. Imagine that!"

It takes a lot of doing on the part of adults, and especially on the part of mothers, to safeguard children against hazards in the home. I am sure none of us realized just how many little things there were to watch and guard against until we had the responsibility of homes of our own.

The difference between knowledge and wisdom is an important point in relation to safety. We know that knowledge denotes acquaintance with facts, but wisdom "consists not in knowing many things, nor even in knowing them thoroughly, but in following what contributes most to our lasting happiness."

And so we may know what the dangers in the home are, but unless we use wisdom in applying the knowledge we have, unless we do something about those dangers, our knowledge is of no avail.

We must be constantly on the alert to:

1.—Keep stairways clear.

2.—Avoid carrying hot liquids. Never leave a pan of hot water on the floor.

3.—Keep water in automatic water heaters below scalding temperature.

4.—Tack stair carpets securely.

5.—Secure small rugs at corners.

6.—Keep medicines locked up. Medicines should be clearly labelled and never taken in the dark.

7.—Turn handles of pots, heating on the stove, away from the reach of children. When taking off lids, raise them in towards the stove instead of out, so the hot steam will not burn anyone.

8.—Teach children never to turn switches on the gas stove. If gas has escaped, air the room thoroughly before re-lighting the burners.

9.—Disconnect all electrical equipment and cords immediately after using. Small children may be instantly killed or severely shocked by putting an attached cord into their mouths.

10.—Cupboards should not be so high that climbing is necessary, nor so full that bottles or cans may fall out and break, or hit someone.

11.—Toys should not be left lying on the floor—even such small items as marbles on the floor can cause serious falls.

These are some of the hazards to guard against.

Far too many fatalities among children are the result of their being left alone or in the care of an immature person. Children are at the mercy of those who care for them. It is criminal to leave them when they cannot take care of themselves in an emergency.

Some parents put the children to bed

and go out for the evening.

"Oh," they say, "nothing will happen. We've done it many, many times and the house hasn't burned down, no one has turned on the gas or swallowed a pin."

Yes, but it does happen to some children—not yours, of course! It may never happen to your children, but just the same, it might! It takes only one fire or one pin to cause disaster.

A mother may be bathing her ten-months-old baby when the telephone rings. She thinks, Oh, I'll just be a minute. She'll be all right. She loves to play in the water. It is a friend on the phone who is planning a party and wishes suggestions for refreshments. The talk goes on and on. Who knows what baby is doing in the meantime?

Children, and even small babies, are locked in the car while mother goes shopping. Can anyone be sure of the consequences?

A mother cannot afford to take her responsibility to her children lightly. The time she gives to the well-being of her children is the finest contribution she can make to humanity.

A small boy runs into the street after his ball, directly in the path of an approaching car. A little girl is playing quietly in the driveway and suddenly a truck backs out and crushes her tiny body. Who is to blame?

Much can be accomplished by training children at home. "But," you say, "when a child's ball rolls out into the street, or when he is being chased by a playmate, he never thinks to look, no matter how much he has been taught!"

Children differ in this respect, of course, but I have seen children who do stop and look before dashing into the street, even while at play. Then there are those who are careless, and rely only on good fortune to save them. The difference lies mainly in the training of the individual child and the example set by his elders.

Very few children receive enough education in safety at home. Yes, they have been warned and threatened, but the training and supervision must be consistent over a long period of time to be effective.

Example is an important part of teaching. What adults do, children imitate. Any adult who disregards a safety rule may be contributing to the peril of some child.

The schools have done a splendid job of training our children to observe traffic rules, and our observations prove that the children obey traffic regulations far better than adults. Very seldom do we see a child cross on a stop light or jay-walk.

There are numerous perils in the life of a child, diseases such as poliomyetlitis, rheumatic fever, etc., that, as yet, we are unable to prevent, but surely we should eliminate the perils which come through careless neglect.

Motherhood is the most important responsibility in all the world and yields the greatest dividends. Our children are the hope of our nation. They are the promise of tomorrow. Give them the chance they deserve! Let our watchword be: "ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF SAFETY."

—Relief Society Magazine.

DISUSE IS DANGEROUS

By Frank Smith

NATURE has its own way of healing the wounds it receives. In those bomb-wrecked buildings where man has not been able to stretch his healing hand, Mother Nature has been busy.

In many places in London, and I suppose in many other places, the tall willow herb has wrenched a life out of the rubble, the groundsel has made a successful struggle for its existence, and, with the ever present couch-grass, nature has lain a fine carpet of greens, pinks and yellows over the scars of war.

The lesson learned from this is that hope springs eternal, that time will heal all wounds, that God and Nature ignore all of man's puny attempts to make a wilderness of this earth.

There is, however, another side to the story. A few days ago, as I passed along Gordon Square, old Headquarters of the British and European Missions, I noticed that, as a result of bomb damage, one of the houses had been fenced off for several years. The steps that led up to a concrete entrance before the door, were covered with dirt. The entrance itself, which at one time had been the pride of some lady's heart, was covered with a layer of green moss, which had dug into the concrete and made a home for itself.

I marvelled that a few years of disuse could have changed it so. Disuse! that was it. Nature has many parallels and here was one. How many of you who are ex-shorthand typists can take down a letter as you once did? How many of you ex-students can still find the unknown quantity without thinking, or rattle off formulae fifteen to the dozen? Disuse? How stiff after an M.I.A. open night? How weak in the swimming baths after a year's' graceful retirement.

More important than all these examples is the disuse of the mind. Misuse is another point, and will not be considered here. Have you ever seen a Church member slip gracefully and innocently into disuse? Sometimes he is able to shake off his lethargy before it gets rooted. On other occasions, the moss begins to grow over his mind, his better thoughts are stifled, and very soon in the midst of his disuse, he begins to find fault with the Church, the way the tithing is spent, the various aspects of the Word of Wisdom; says this is a commandment and this is not a commandment —in short, forgets to "live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Such is the disaster of disuse. Don't let YOUR mind grow into disuse. For those who have already fallen into the trap it is a long way back, and special care will be needed, which may mount into many years before any results can be seen.

It is easy for a presiding officer to place responsibility after responsibility onto a willing back, but the real joy of Presidency comes from seeing the man you "worked with" blessing the sacrament again and making his varied contributions to the welfare of the Church. He will slowly clear away the moss and reveal the bright, clean entrance again, but DON'T BREAK HIS BACK !

Remember the parable of the talents?

Disuse is Dangerous.

"They only possess time, who profitably use it"

Roll of Honour

The following are the names of our British Brethren who made the Supreme Sacrifice in World War II. The "Star" pays tribute to their heroic and noble deeds.

LIST OF THOSE KILLED IN ACTION DURING WORLD WAR II.
1939 — 1945

Sapper John Marsden, R.E., Reg. No. 34570. Killed on military service, 28th June, 1942, aged 26. A Deacon and member of Accrington Branch.

Radio Officer James Kenneth Entwistle, Air Training Service, Ltd., attached to R.A.F. Killed, January 16th, 1941, aged 21. Member of Blackburn Branch.

Robert Whittaker, Acting Able Seaman, No. P/JX385870, Royal Navy. Is presumed by the Admiralty for official purposes to have died on 16th January, 1945, aged 22. Deacon. Member of the Burnley Branch.

Fred Bradbury, Merchant Navy 3rd Engineer. Killed at sea on active service, April 12th, 1943, aged 43. Elder. Member of the Burnley Branch, but transferred to Portsmouth.

Norman Goundry, Teacher. Killed April, 1942. St. Albans, Herts.

Elder Noel Eugene Tomes. Killed in action at sea, 10th October, 1942, aged 38. Son of Eugene Tomes and Amy Ruth Porter Tomes.

Samuel George Willmott. Killed in action at sea, 1st June, 1940. Sailor.

C.S.M. Ralph Foster Distron. Jnr., D.C.M., born 21st October, 1912. A Deacon. Died of wounds in Sicily, 7th July, 1943.

Pte. Charles Wright, born 19th June, 1916. Died of beri beri whilst P.O.W. in hands of Japanese, 16th November, 1943.

Pte. James Alfred Balls, born 26th June, 1913. A Deacon. Died, result or enemy action. date unknown.

Thomas Halford Knighton Priest, Killed whilst flying over France, April 4th, 1941. R.A.F. Mansfield Branch. Born 22nd September, 1914.

George Hubert Robinson, Priest, R.A.F. Missing, presumed killed, over Austria, July 6th, 1944.

James Burton, reported missing at sea, December 17th, 1942, later presumed dead. Doncaster Branch.

L/Corpl. Joseph Miller, born June 30th, 1918, at Skelton. Died of wounds at Casserta, Italy, June 30th, 1942.

Albert William Collins. Born 14th October, 1918, died 29th April, 1941 at Tolronk, North Africa. Kidderminster Branch.

Harold Walker. Born 15th January, 1918, died 9th November, 1942. Died from Smallpox in the Middle East. Kidderminster Branch.

The above names have also been submitted to the General Authorities in Zion.

To those who are left behind to bear the loss, we extend our deepest condolences; reiterating again to you, that a glorious resurrection awaits the pure in heart.

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light."

(Should any name be missing from the above list it is because we have no information at this office.)

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OCTOBER

SINCE our arrival, May 24th, Sister Boyer and I have completed a visit to all the Districts of the British Mission. In each District a welcome awaited us. We rejoiced to meet those whom I had known twenty years ago, still firm in the faith and rejoicing in the conviction of the truthfulness of the Gospel. We shall always remember our first visit to Hull and the fine spirit there among most of the Saints. To stand in the heart of that great important city and see the vast open spaces where buildings of great wealth used to stand, reminds one of the tremendous amount of waste and suffering the people of Great Britain have so recently gone through.

In like manner every city and centre has had similar experiences and the people on the whole need a good holiday and a change from thoughts of destruction to that of conservation and preservation of their heritage. The standards of life taught by our Saviour need to become the ruling power of people's lives. Turn where you will, you cannot help but say that God has preserved this nation for a purpose. When I stood upon the ocean shore of Lowestoft, looked across, and contemplated how narrow it is, I thanked our Father for His Power in governing the destinies of men and nations.

In this nation of so many millions of people who have turned away from Christ to other paths of pleasure, one wonders why? When the land is full of Church buildings, cathedrals and ministers.

There must be some reason, because the ministers of the United Kingdom admit the falling away and they blame "humanism" as the cause.

In conversing with individuals, the fact that they are the offspring of God and are heirs of the Kingdom through this heritage, some admit that their teachings have lacked this thought all their lives.

If men were led to the knowledge and complete understanding that they were the sons of God, naturally it would awaken in them a keen desire to live righteously and accept the teachings of Christ, our Elder Brother.

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve; as for me, I and my house we will serve the Lord."

The fact that Latter-day Saints are not bound by a creed, but are ready to accept all truth, no matter from whence the source, gives each of them a breadth to grow in.

The knowledge that we are the sons and daughters of God and that all are entitled to this teaching of Christ, should spur each on to greater active interest in this great work.

Paul says that there are Gods many and Lords many. As the missionaries arrive and our message is given abroad to the world regarding the fact that God has spoken from His abode to the Prophet Joseph Smith and established His Church for all the world to accept or reject, let us all arise to the challenge.

S. J. B.

BRITISH SAINTS WELCOME YOU

ON August 21st, 1946, the "Queen Mary" docked at Southampton. On board were sixteen "Mormon" missionaries, the largest group to arrive into this country for over seven years.

We recall how your compatriots were taken from our midst in 1939, the hurried handshakes, and goodbyes, and then the inspiring challenge your leader gave us, "Let those who remain, buckle on the armour of faith, and in humility extend the realm of our own usefulness."

Now you are back in our midst—word has been received that another thirteen are on their way—bringing the total to fifty in Great Britain—we welcome you. We have loved your brothers and sisters in uniform who did so much to help fill the gap your going had caused.

Our peoples,—as well as the peoples of all the earth,—are in great need of your message. As messengers of truth—you indeed do carry the Pearl of Great Price—we are ready to assist you. We are willing to tighten the buckle. With you we are ready to march into the future.

> "And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you, will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. Amen." (D. and C. 15: 6)

H. E. H.

World Church News

PRESIDENT JOHN H. TAYLOR—Elder John H. Taylor of the First Council of the Seventy, passed away May 28th, 1946, whilst he was addressing a class of 110 missionaries. President Taylor fulfilled a mission in Great Britain from 1896 to 1898.

MAY ANDERSON—Sister May Anderson, known throughout the world for her great love of Primary work, being President of the Primary Assosiation from 1925-1939 and Editor of the "Children's Friend" when it began publication in 1902 until 1940, died in Salt Lake City on June 10th at the age of 82. Sister Anderson was born in Liverpool, England, and emigrated as a convert with her family to the United States in 1883.

FORMER BRITISH MISSIONARY HONOURED—Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, who fulfilled a Mission for the Church in the British Isles in 1933 to 1935, was recently sustained as second counsellor in the Stake Presidency of the East Mill Creek Stake.

MISSIONARIES IN THE CHURCH.—Two records were broken in June in the numbers of missionaries sent into the Field. An all time record was reached when 215 trainees enrolled at the Mission Home in Salt Lake City. This large class increased the total for the month of June to 360 missionaries; a record for the Church for any one month. Approximately 1,500 missionaries are now engaged in proselyting in the Missions of the Church. Just prior to the war 2,200 was the peak. During the war when people were needed for national service the number fell to 350. With improved conditions the number rose to 1,134 up to May 1st, 1946. President McKay has recently estimated that in the very near future 5,000 will be in the Field if the present rate of 200 per month is maintained.

EAST GERMAN MISSION — Elder and Mrs. Walter Stover of Salt Lake City have been appointed to preside over the East German Mission (Russian Occupied Zone). Both are natives of Germany.

WELFARE PROJECT—Sunset Ward in San Francisco Stake, has decided that rugs are needed for the floors as well as food for the table, so they have started a weaving project. Branches were gardens and fruit canning are unsuccessful should be able to make use of this idea.

100th 11lb. BOX DESPATCHED — Brother and Sister Frederick Steenblik of Salt Lake City have recently despatched their 100th 11 lb. gift box to the needy of Holland. This worthy couple have brought happiness into the lives of 100 families by their generosity. Gratitude only was expected, but they have been further rewarded by having sent to them an amazing amount of their genealogy, through correspondence with people who knew others to whom boxes were sent, and they have written to volunteer genealogical information.

PRIMARY ENDEAVOUR.—In answer to the plea of the General Primary Association for clothing and toys for children in the European countries, the Riverside Stake Primary gathered more than a 1,000 articles of clothing in their recent drive. These items have been cleaned, sorted, mended, packed into 24 cartons, and despatched to the needy children in Europe.

The Church in Europe

IN the past seven months, President Ezra Taft Benson, of the European Mission, has travelled extensively throughout England, Holland, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the Occupied Zones of Germany. To achieve this, he has journeyed 15,035 miles by 'plane, 5,951 miles by train, 1,296 miles by ship, 11,551 miles by private car, and an additional 2,940 miles by jeep, wagon, 'bus, cable railway, tramcar, and by horse and cart, totalling 36,773 miles.

Elder Frederick W. Babbel, his Secretary, has accompanied him in all his travels, except the trip into Finland. Latter-day Saint servicemen have also been his companions whenever possible. The reception accorded the President has been most cordial, the understanding and co-operation of the military and government officials in all the countries visited has been most gratifying.

Seven months ago the conditions of the Saints throughout Europe was most distressing, food and clothing were urgently needed, many branches lacked leadership to organise and carry on their activities. Love and encouragement from our leaders were longingly awaited.

Some of the meetings held with the Saints—often in cold, unlighted, unheated, bombed out buildings—will never be forgotten. These devoted members assembled, their faces and bodies revealing the horrors of war and the ghastliness of approaching starvation, shivering as they sang with great fervour the "Songs of Zion," yet with a smile on their upturned faces. Tears of gratitude have streamed down their hollow cheeks as they expressed—through parched and swollen lips— their gratitude for the Gospel and the blessings it has brought them. Throughout these meetings, no spirit of bitterness, no feelings of hopeless despair has been found, but instead, a heartfelt gratitude for their faith in the Gospel, for their membership in the Church, and for their testimonies of the Mission and teachings of Jesus Christ.

One of the most serious and most heartrending situations of today is that of our refugee Saints. Millions of people in Europe are on the move, without home or country; a large group of them live in the village of Langon, near Frankfurt, Germany, most of whom are refugees from those sections of Germany now governed by Poland, from which they have been forced to evacuate as unwanted citizens. Here the Saints were found living in the rudest of shelters, without any sanitation or privacy, one place had four families, 22 people in all, who lived, ate and slept in one small room, in which two-decked bunk-beds had been built along the walls on three sides, for sleeping accommodation. Beds were made up at night on the floor for the younger members, the occupants ranging from babies in arms, several young people in their teens, to an old lady past her 80th birthday. Every morning and night this group of devoted Saints kneel together in prayer.

In a recent report, by President Benson, it shows that the Missions in Europe are making splendid progress. Inspiring Mission Wide Conferences have been held in England, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Holland. The Saints are loyal and devoted, supporting their capable leaders and working unitedly with them in the furtherance of God's work. Although conditions have greatly improved, there are many problems yet to be encountered and many solutions yet to be found, but the spirit of love and unity prevails, optimism and hope fill the lives of our people, and perhaps at no time has the need of, and the prospects for, Missionary work been more favourable than they are today. "Truly the valiant Saints in Europe are forging ahead as never before."

The Church in Uniform

Services held On Bikini

EVEN from the scene of the atomic bomb tests at Bikini Lagoon comes a story of the organization of Latter-day Saint servicemen and their activities.

A letter from T-Sgt. James Shelby Arrigona of Salt Lake City, who has been acting as Group Leader there, gives a vivid description of conditions at Bikini and of the inspiring services held every Sunday since the 9th of June. He writes as follows:

"Bikini is a picturesque island, despite the fact that ever since the Americans arrived it is cluttered up with beer bottles or beer cans. The beach is really beautiful and I have enjoyed some fine swimming there. A great part of the Island is set apart for the antics of the drunken addicts, and to move about in this area one has to watch almost every step, for he never knows just who he might step on next.

"On this same Island, far removed from the 'recreation area,' we hold our Sacrament meeting in a small, but homey, grove of palm and other tropical trees. It is very quiet here, and we have enjoyed the rich spirit of the Lord here. I remember being very much impressed when I visited the garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem and saw the grove of Olive trees there where Christ found the peace and spirit necessary to His communion with God. I was similarly impressed with the Sacred Grove in Palmyra where Joseph Smith talked with God, and now I have visited another Grove, here in Bikini, where we have held our communion with our Heavenly Father, been permitted to partake of His sacrament, sing the songs of Zion in His praise, and renew our covenants with Him.

"This group, though small, has accomplished a great deal, and each Sunday we have tried to develop and use the different talents of as many as possible in attendance. Some have participated for the first time, but they wanted to be able when they returned home to take a more active part in the Church, so they have all evidenced a most willing and co-operative spirit. It has been the easiest of responsibilities, for everyone else has worked so hard to see it succeed.

"But be assured, though we were all brought to Bikini to witness the might and power of the atomic bomb, and though we have seen its tremendous force and destructive ability—each one of us is convinced that the power within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is by far the greatest force and power upon the earth, and it, not the atomic bomb, is the only solvent to the problems of the universe. This fact has been repeatedly mentioned in our testimony meetings. We have witnessed the mightiest material force in the world and have seen the havoc wrought by its power, but we have learned and seen more than that, we realize now more than ever before that peace will never be secured through this medium. We have experienced, through our Church service here in Bikini, the peace that will spell happiness for the world, and this is the only channel through which mankind will ever enjoy the real peace that they seek.

"I'm so very happy that I have been favoured with the testimony of His truth, and helping to bring it to others is a constant desire and ideal of mine. Bikini would have been a very unpleasant and disagreeable assignment if it hadn't been for the members of the Church that I have located here, with whom I could discuss our mutual problems and questions. Having the Church here has given much more meaning to Operation Crossroads, and the total result has been extremely interesting and profitable."

BRITISH MISSION

ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The following missionaries arrived in England August 29th, 1946:—

BRUCE ELDON PETERSON of Murray, Utah, is back among the friends he made whilst in the army. He has been assigned to labour as Supervising Elder in Newcastle District. His grandfather and great-grandfather both filled Missions to Great Britain, labouring in Liverpool and Scotland. Three and a half months of his mission have been spent in the Eastern States Mission.

KENNETH M. OSWALD of Shelley, Idaho, is a seventy in the Shelley First Ward and was the Elders' Secretary there. He has been assigned to labour in Newcastle District.

OLIVER JONES BENNETT, an Elder of the South 29th Ward, Salt Lake City, who has been labouring for three months in the Eastern States Mission, is now assigned to work in the London District. Elder Bennett's parents come from England.

WILLIAM HARPER STONEMAN of Salt Lake City, a member of the Tabernacle Choir and very active in the North 18th Ward, is now labouring in the London District as Supervising Elder. His sister filled a mission in Great Britain just prior to the war.

CARL H. WHATCOTT, a Seventy of the Lynndyl Ward, Utah, has been assigned to labour in Scotland. He is one of the many ex-servicemen trying to spread the Gospel of Peace to the world.

A. WILFORD FELLOWS, an active worker in the Y.M.M.I.A. of the Waterloo Ward, Salt Lake City, has for the past five months been labouring in the Eastern States Mission, is assigned to labour in the Scottish District as District President.

ALBERT ECCLES, Jr., an Elder of the East Mill Creek Ward, Salt Lake City, and a member of the Tabernacle Choir, has laboured in the Eastern States Mission for the past three months and is now assigned to the Manchester District.

CONNEL MONSON WHITEHEAD comes from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he was a member of the Bishopric; he has been assigned to labour in the Birmingham District. For the past two months he has been labouring in the Eastern States Mission.

R. EYRE TURNER, a Seventy of the First Ward in Logan, Utah, has been assigned to labour in the Welsh District. Elder Turner has relatives in Leeds, Nottingham and London.

ALBERT E. HOPKINSON, very active in the Church, is from the Highland Park Ward, Salt Lake City, and has been assigned to labour in the Birmingham District as Supervising Elder.

AGNES FRASER, of the Highland Stake, Salt Lake City, has for the past two months laboured in the Eastern States Mission, is a very experienced missionary having done stake missionary work. She has been assigned to labour in the Norwich District.

CHARLES ETON PRICE, a Seventy of the Eldridge Ward, Salt Lake City, is a native of Wales and has for the past five months laboured in the Eastern States Mission. He has now been assigned to labour in the Welsh District as District President.

DON CARLOS WOOD, Jr., recently discharged from the Army Air Force, comes from Berkeley, California, where he is a member of the Claremont Ward; has, for the past three months laboured in the Eastern States Mission, and has now been assigned to the Hull District.

Elder and Sister ROY WOOD and daughter, LOWENE, come from Buhl, Idaho. Elder Wood has considerable Church experience, having been a Bishop, and Sister Wood has been a Relief Society President. The three of them have been labouring in the Eastern States Mission for the past five months. Elder Wood has been assigned District President of the Liverpool District and Sister Lowene Wood is labouring in the Mission Office as Correspondence Secretary.

The following landed in England September 11th, 1946:—

JOSEPH KENNETH CROSS, from Salt Lake City, Utah, has been assigned to labour as Supervising Elder of the Norwich District, where he will be amongst friends that he made whilst serving here in the armed forces two years ago.

FREDERICK JAMES CLARK and his wife, Sister MARTHA CUNNINGHAM CLARK of Logan, Utah, have been assigned to labour in the Leeds District. Sister Clark is a native of Scotland who left the land of her birth 32 years ago for America. Brother Clark has considerable Church experience, having been a teacher in the High Priests' quorum for eight years.

EDWARD SMITH from Lewiston, Utah, at the age of 74 comes back to the land of his birth to fulfil a second mission He has been assigned to laoour in the Bristol District.

WESTERN N. CHRISTENSEN from Victor, Idaho, has been assigned to labour as President of the Irish District.

ARNOLD RAY RAWSON from Ogden, Utah, has been assigned to labour in the Irish District.

WALLACE R. REID and his wife, Sister NORAH PRATT REID of Los Angeles, California, have been assigned to labour in the Nottingham District, where Brother Reid will be Supervising Elder. Both have wide experience in the Church.

RICHARD WILLIAM CLAYTON from Salt Lake City, Utah, has been assigned to labour in the Norwich District.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Autumn Series

President and Sister Boyer made their first trip to Ireland to attend the first of the series of district conferences. The Saints of the Dublin area met on Sunday, September 1st, 1946. Inspiring sessions were held throughout the day, many members who had not been to church for a number of years were present. Fine counsel and encouragemnt on many problems were given to the Saints by the Mission leaders.

The Saturday evening was well spent in an enjoyable social.

On Sunday, September 8th, 1946, Saints and friends of the Belfast area assembled. A wonderful outpouring of the spirit was felt. President and Sister Boyer were the guest speakers. Of the 66 people present, 10 were non-members.

A dinner, prepared by the Relief Society, followed by an evening of games and dancing, was enjoyed on the Saturday.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

BIRMINGHAM—At a baptismal service in the Birmingham Branch Chapel August 10th, 1946, Judith Lenore Perry was baptised by her father, Elder William A. Perry, and confirmed by Elder Richard C. Thomas.

Janice Loraine Webb was baptised by her father, Elder Frederick Webb, and confirmed by Elder William L. Buchanan.

IRISH.—On Sunday, July 28th, 1946, at the Tara Street Public Baths, Dublin, Robert William Lynn was baptised by Branch President Christian F. Steele and later confirmed by Elder George Brenner.

At a baptismal service held at Helen's Bay, May 11th, 1946, Francis B. Dunn was baptised by Elder Thomas Dowdall and confirmed by Elder Joseph Ditty.

LEEDS. — The Boy Scouts of the Bradford Branch, under Scout Leader Fred Laycock, entertained the M.I.A. members to an outing, August 27th, 1946. Around a roaring camp fire, Church songs and hymns were lustily sung.

A baptismal service was held in the Bradford Branch Chapel, August 31st, 1946. Wendy Warnes, Frank Shackleton, Colin Smith and Nellie Peel were baptised by President John H. Chapman. They were confirmed by Elders Fred Bradbury, John C. Harrison, William C. McCormick and President Chapman respectively.

Bradford Branch Sunday School sponsored an Old Tyme Dance, September 7th, 1946. To the strains of the "Weatherhill Old Tyme Dance Orchestra," 65 people had an enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Members and friends of the Preston Branch attended a farewell social given in honour of Sister Catherine Foster, August 7th, 1946. A token of remembrance was presented to her. She left this country shortly afterwards for the U.S.A.

LONDON.—St. Albans Branch Conference was held Sunday, August 25th, 1946. President Ezra Taft Benson, European Mission President, President and Sister Selvoy J. Boyer, and Elder Frederick W. Babbel were in attendance. Their inspiring addresses thrilled the Saints and friends who had assembled in conference.

NEWCASTLE. — A Sunday School outing for the children of Sunderland Branch was held Saturday, August 17th, 1946, at Durham. The outing was arranged under the direction of Superintendent John Madsen, Jr. Sweets, ice creams, games, races and a boat trip up the River Wear made it a most enjoyable afternoon for all.

A special service to welcome the new Mission leaders was held in the Sunderland Branch on Sunday, August 18th; President and Sister Boyer were the principle speakers.

An M.I.A. Convention was held in the Sunderland Chapel, Sunday, 18th August, 1946. A well arranged programme was enjoyed by the 59 people present. Elder George Bickerstaffe, of the Mission Y.M.M.I.A. Board was the principle speaker.

NORWICH. — A baptismal service was held in the Norwich Branch Chapel, Sunday, July 21st, 1946. Edna May Allen was baptized by Elder C. John Durrant and confirmed by President Alfred Woodhouse.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT. — The Derby Branch Sunday School held their annual outing Saturday, August 26th, 1946. An enjoyable day was spent by all in visiting that beautiful historical spot, Newstead Abbey, an ancient structure dating back to 1163.

SCOTTISH.—At a baptismal service held April 13th, 1946, Elder Joseph McQueen baptised the following:—Margaret C. Lennox, Thomas G. Goodwin, William S. Junor, Thomas J. Junor, and June Hamilton. They were confirmed the following day by Elders Joseph McQueen, William Scott, Joseph McQueen, and William Scott, respectively.

SHEFFIELD. — A baptismal service was held on Saturday, July 27th, 1946, in the Sheffield Chapel. Elder Ralph Burton, Doncaster Branch President conducted. Agnes Mary Hammand, Patricia Ann Thompson, and Molly Thompson were baptized by travelling missionary Elder William Thornton, and Samuel Leslie Fletcher, Robert Kellett and Olive May Thompson by Elder Herbert Mottishaw, Jr. Agnes Mary Hammond was confirmed by President George H. Bailey, Snr., Patricia Ann Thompson by Elder Fred K. Birkhead, Molly Thompson by Elder Herbert Bailey, Samuel Leslie Fletcher by Elder Ralph Burton, Robert Kellett by Elder Joseph T. Quinney, and Olive May Thompson by Elder William Thornton.

On July 29th, 1946, Sheffield Branch Sunday School, under the direction of Brother John Snow, sponsored a trip to Cleethorpes. The two bus loads of scholars were given sweets, potato crisps, and 2/6 each. The outing was enjoyed by all.

Saturday, August 24th, a Branch Welfare Social was held in Sheffield Chapel. Admittance fee was a food commodity. A most enjoyable evening's entertainment was arranged under the direction of Sister Winnie Bailey and Brother Fred K. Birkhead.

PERSONALS

BASCOM.—Members and friends of the London Branch, the Genealogy, Mission, and District Offices, have missed the congenial companionship of Sister Jean Gardner Bascom. She left England, September 3rd, 1946, to take up residence in Canada. Her many friends throughout the Mission wish her well and God-speed in her life in a new country.

BIRTHS AND BLESSINGS

MILLS. — On Sunday, August 25th, 1946, in the Sheffield Branch Chapel, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister Fred L. Mills of Dodworth, Barnsley, was blessed by Elder Harry V. Bailey and given the names Joan Margaret.

DUNN.—The infant daughter of Sister Evelyn A. Dunn and Mr. William L. Dunn, born July 30th, 1946, was blessed on Sunday, August 18th, 1946, by President George E. Gent at Eastwood and given the name Joy.

SEFTON.—The twin son and daughter of Brother and Sister David Sefton were blessed on March 25th, 1946. The son was given the name of David James by Elder Thomas Dowdall, and the daughter, Muriel Anne, by Elder Joseph Ditty.

TAYLOR-SMITH. — The infant daughter of Brother and Sister William Taylor-Smith, born June 9th, 1946, was blessed on Sunday, September 1st, 1946, by her father, Elder William Taylor-Smith, and given the names of Elizabeth Mary.

STANHOUSE.—On Sunday, September 1st, 1946, Elder James R. Cunningham blessed the infant son of Brother and Sister Harry L. Stanhouse and gave him the names of Clive Philip.

ENGAGEMENTS.

BANNATYNE-DUNN.—The engagement is announced of Sister Anne M. Bannatyne to Brother Francis B. Dunn, both of the Belfast Branch.

HARTLEY-BISHOP. — The engagement is announced of Catherine, the eldest daughter of Brother and Sister Clifford Hartley of the Wigan Branch to Harold Don Bishop, son of Bishop and Sister H. J. Bishop of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

COOK-SIMPSON. — On August 31st, 1946, the engagement was announced between Brother L. Cook, eldest son of Sister Cook, and Sister Margaret Simpson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Sister Simpson, both of Norwich Branch.

MARRIAGES

LYNN-MOGERLEY. — On Wednesday, August 14th, 1946, Sister Maureen Mogerley, only daughter of the late

Brother Henry Mogerley and Sister Mary Mogerley, and former missionary, was married to Brother Robert W. Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynn of Monanagh. A reception was held after the ceremony at the home of Sister Mary Mogerley.

PETERSON-FOSTER. — In the Salt Lake Temple on August 29th, 1946, Catherine, daughter of Brother and Sister H. Foster of the Preston Branch, was married to Elmer George Peterson, son of Dr. and Sister E. G. Peterson of Logan, Utah. The ceremony was performed by President Joseph Fielding Smith.

DEATHS

LAYCOCK. — The death of Elder Fred Laycock, an outstanding and ardent worker in the Church in Leeds District, occurred Tuesday, October 9th, 1945. The funeral service was conducted by Elder John R. Moore in the Burnley Chapel. He was laid to rest in the Burnley Cemetery, the grave being dedicated by Elder John H. Harrison. Elder Laycock was a member of long standing in the Church, always ready and willing to give advice and help, materially and spiritually, at every possible opportunity. On Sunday, October 21st, 1945, a memorial service was held in the Bradford Chapel, Elders J. C. Harrison, H. Walker, and S. Mitchell were the speakers. They portrayed eloquently his many virtues, his unwavering faith and devotion to duty, they told of his kindness, generosity, and the courage and loyalty which marked his every endeavour. The singing mothers paid tribute in song, rendering "Oh, it is wonderful" and "In the Garden." Sister B. Whitaker sang "I know that my Redeemer Liveth." A letter of remembrance by Elder George Pitts was read.

GELDER. — Brother Leonard Gelder of the Sheffield District passed away on Saturday, July 20th, 1946. A funeral service was conducted in the home by Elders Fred K. Birkhead and Fred L. Mills prior to the interment at Gawber Cemetery. A convert to the Church in the days when "Mormons were in fear of their lives," Brother Gelder was 66 years old. He leaves two daughters and three sons, all of them members of the Church. A memorial service was held in the Sheffield Chapel on the 25th August, 1946.

HEATON. — Daniel G. Heaton of Reno, U.S.A., was killed when a 6 in. by 6 in. timber fell from a scaffolding in June, 1946. He will be well remembered by Saints and friends of the Hull and Manchester Districts, where he laboured in 1937-39. Elder Heaton joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942; he rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant and was honourably discharged in February of this year. He had taken up employment on this project just a few days before he was killed. He had only been married six weeks.

AUXILIARIES' ASSIGNMENTS ARE REVISED

A REVISED schedule of assignments to the auxiliary organizations for conducting the Sunday evening services in the wards and branches of the Church on each Fast Day is announced as follows:

Relief Society is assigned March and November.
Sunday School is assigned June and December.
M.I.A. is assigned April and October.
Primary is assigned May and August.
Genealogical Society is assigned January and September.

These assignments are to continue in force until any changes are made by the Church Union Board composed of the auxiliary executive officers.

MANKIND—ONE FAMILY

Education and Life—No. 5

by

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PAUL, a learned Jewish Rabbi and great Christian missionary, was in Athens, Greece, the centre of Greek art and learning. Certain philosophers, Epicurean stoics, and others encountered him and took him to the public arena, wanting to hear what he had to say. Many of these Athenians spent their entire time phrasing their philosophies, and debating the issues of the times. You all know what idolaters they were; how everywhere in Athens were the images they worshiped. Standing in the midst of Mars Hill, surrounded by these men, Paul startled his listeners when he told them: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; . . . he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; . . . Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God . . . (who) hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, . . . and find him, though he be not far from every one of us." (Acts 17: 24, 25, 26, 27, 29)

What was this Paul saying? That God's love and goodness is for all people's, everywhere? " . . . we are the offspring of God, . . . made of one blood all nations," Then all of us are irrevocably linked together as brothers, as members of one family.

The facts are that all races of people are biologically identical. Alike the anatomy and physiology of their bodies, alike the food and health requirements, the drives for self-preservation and perpetuation through offspring. Little difference exists in the average intelligence of the various races.

A family is able to exist, its children to grow to maturity, only when the stronger ones protect and assist the weaker. The relations of all reach the highest levels when mutual help and support are administered, equitably, and in the spirit of love and goodwill. In social relationships of all sorts, business, civic, or religious, the most satisfactory results are attained when individuals and groups, dealing honestly with each other, co-operate and mutually help each other.

SURVIVAL SPRINGS FROM CO-OPERATION

Survival must spring from co-operation rather than from destruction. The animals are not always engaged in mortal combat, and their existence depends upon an inherited advantage and a nice balance between the animal groups and the plants, not upon their powers in combat. Even the animals sacrifice and protect their young. The bees and ants work together in communities. In order to exist, man and the members of his family must learn to work together, to produce, and to serve each other rather than to wage war upon each other and to kill.

For all of us God has a universal love. For all of us exist the benefits of His goodness. Recall how He condemned some of the arrogant Jews, reminding them that God, in time of famine, provided for a foreign widow when there were many Jewish widows in desperate need, and how He healed Naaman, the Syrian, when there were many Jewish lepers heavily afflicted. (Luke 4)

When the people of Jerusalem came

to believe God was to be worshipped only in their temples, and at the same time the Samaritans were saying devotion to God could be shown through worshipping Him in the mountains of Samaria, Jesus told them, " . . . neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." (John 4: 23)

It is recorded in the Book of Mormon, one of the sacred books of the Latter-day Saint people, that Alma, a Nephite prophet, proclaimed, "For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their own nation and tongue, to teach his word, yea. in wisdom, all that he seeth fit that they should have." (Alma 29: 8)

ALL ARE CONCERN OF GOD

God, the Father of mankind, counselled his Family to strive to become perfect, and dignified each of us in patterning us after Himself. More valuable are we in His sight than the birds and flowers which are adorned more beautifully than Solomon in all his glory. This is in contradistinction to the philosophy of the dictators, who assume man is insignificant and is to be subordinated to the needs of the state through force and violence. Trust in the system is the totalitarian creed, not confidence in the individual. Stripped of every vestige of his dignity, man is deprived of his initiative, and is compelled to give complete submission to the system.

Such a system dies at the top because its intelligence springs from such limited sources. Opportunity for growth or development is impossible. Valuable counsellors and potential leaders are wiped out through purges.

The demand for freedom, natural to every man and possessing a common appeal which cannot forever be suppressed, grows more insistent in the midst of oppression and survives every persecution. Sooner or later it rises to wrest authority from the hands of dictatorships, and return it to true democracies, where every man has a right to complete self-expression, and where fulfilment is possible through intelligent love and co-operation without the invasion of the rights of others.

While the dictatorship is efficient, and can act with speed and secrecy, yet the representative government, when put to the test, weathers the storm. In the great world conflict just ended it proved itself strong and not weak, and in spite of all odds it was victorious.

The administrative officers of the democracy are responsible to the people and it becomes necessary for the masses to be intelligent and well-informed politically.

We should be examples for our children in obeying, meticulously, all its laws, by showing respect to its elected officers. If called upon we should accept public office even at the expense of personal sacrifice. We should always hold dear our rights to vote and exercise this right intelligently at every opportunity. We should attempt to keep bribery and corruption from our government, cherishing only efficient, honest management. Since money is required to provide the benefits in which we all share, taxes should be paid, and willingly. We should never forget that the freedom we have came at the expense of sacrificing thousands of our best young men in the colossal World Wars.

The Latter-day Saint Church has not only been interested in the production of good people who would apply gospel principles in their governmental relationships. but have always considered the representative form of government as of superior worth.

In other words, the gospel of Jesus Christ is to be applied in public and private life by the people, and men are to live together as in one family if the country is to be preserved from internal disintegration and from the tyranny and oppression of dictators.

The love of the Latter-day Saints for people of other countries is reflected in our extensive missionary programme. Young men and women spend two years taking the gospel to peoples of North and South America, Europe, South Africa, Australia, etc. No doubt missions will be opened up, in time, in all countries. The missionaries return home, happy not only in the good they have done, but benefitted as well, for they bring back a knowledge, an understanding, and a love of these peoples of other languages, racial and cultural backgrounds.

TOLERATION SUGGESTS EVIL

Tolerating people of other cultural backgrounds is not enough, for toleration suggests the existence of evil which we despise and yet permit to exist. At heart these people of other cultures are not evil. We need to learn more of their intellectual, artistic, and scientific achievements, and thus appreciate the contributions they have made to their own people and to the world at large. Instead of ceasing to hate and just tolerate, we must learn to understand and appreciate and love them as brothers and members of God's great family in which all of us hold equal membership. In other words, our love must extend beyond race, colour, and religious creeds.

In spite of our overemphasis on material prosperity and the amount of crime and lawlessness that exists, the moral let-down following the war, and the prevalence of avarice and greed, it still remains that people everywhere have demonstrated their ability to forget themselves, even to give their lives for what they considered a great cause. Consider the suicide bombers among the Japanese and the valour and devotion of the Germans to their state, to say nothing of the great heroism and magnificent devotion of our own soldiers, not only to the cause at stake, but a devotion which prompted, in scores of cases, the supreme sacrifice—the sacrificing of their own lives for their fellow soldiers.

We rarely hate people, despite their defects, when once we know them intimately and well. The radio, now widely used throughout the world, has brought us a knowledge and understanding of other peoples, as has travel, communication, and the increased use of educational facilities common to us all.

There is wide interest in moral and spiritual values, and people are turning to religion for guidance and help. We all alike have suffered the scourge of the last great conflict. Everywhere is felt the desperate need for a permanent peace, particularly since the destructive power of atomic energy has become known. The demand is almost universal that war shall never again come to afflict the world. And we are encouraged in the hope that we will discover ways for living together in peace through our better understanding of each other, and through recognizing that we are all blood relatives, members of God's great family.

Just as peaceful relationships between individuals and groups depend upon the application of righteous principles, likewise the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only philosophy which, adopted and applied, will produce harmony and unity among the families of the world. President David O. McKay, of the Latter-day Saint Church, has said that "Only through the application of righteous principles by individuals and by governments, can nations learn war no more and establish a permanent peace." (October Conference, 1945)

Paul, that learned Jewish Rabbi and great Christian missionary, speaking of the kingdom of God, said, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." (Romans 14: 17-19)

AN UNDERSTANDABLE RELIGION

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truth. That is not the Lord's way. He leads men to conversion. It is the devil's favourite deceit, to make evil appear as coming from the Lord. Man's intolerance is an ugly story. Perhaps enough has been said.

The Latter-day Saints are a tolerant people. First, because the Restored Gospel prescribes love for one another as a law of action. Second, because they know intolerance, and have suffered and bled from it.

Few people, if any, have been so subjected to intolerance. Their prophet and patriarch were murdered in cold blood. The plains of Missouri ran red with the blood of the Saints. They were hounded from Nauvoo. They have been persecuted with a fury born of hell itself. They were driven from place to place. They were robbed of their possessions, time and time again. Brigham Young claimed that he had left five successive homes to persecutors. At length, to find a refuge, they toiled across the desert, left thousands in graves by the side of the trail; sought out what was held to be the inhospitable desert section of the country, and made it to blossom as the rose —only to be subjected again to furious persecution, led chiefly by men who professed to be followers of Christ.

And all this, when the matter is sifted, because the Latter-day Saints declared that God can speak to His children; and that, in fact, He has spoken to men in this generation, and has authorized the establishment of His Church in its purity.

Yet, despite all this, there can be no feeling of hate or revenge among Latter-day Saints. They forgive their persecutors. They know that only love, bearing truth, will triumph in the world. They are and will remain a tolerant people. They yield to every man the freedom and protection they themselves desire . They say only, "We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may." They plead with all men to live together in tolerance.

TOLERANCE NOT COMPROMISE

Yet, tolerance must not be misunderstood. Tolerance does not mean surrender of any belief. Tolerance is not a compromise with practices in which we do not believe. There is always a temptation to do as others do, in order to secure and keep their goodwill or friendship. That is not tolerance; it is surrender; and surrender is the coward's way to peace. Indeed, the highest respect from any man is gained by close adherence to the principles which we have found to be true. Strong men hold with the grip of conviction to eternal truth; but allow all men the privilege of believing as they choose. A Word of Wisdom keeper does not need to accept the cocktail or the cigarette to keep friends. If the friends are worth the keeping, they will respect the man who walks according to his convictions.

NOTHING NEUTRAL IN TRUTH

Sometimes, also, the law of love is so misunderstood as to lead to neutrality, for fear the feelings of others may be hurt. When questions arise, the answer is neither yes or no. Instead, silence. Such neutrality is akin to crime. There is nothing neutral in the field of truth. There is either truth or error. Whenever conditions require, the truth should be spoken. To remain silent is a concession to error. Every man, when the demand for expression is made, must take sides for the right. The Lord has said it:

"For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory..." (Luke 9: 26)

Only by love can tolerance, strife, and jealousies, discord and warfare, be banished from among men.

Only upon a foundation of love can a safe religion be built.

DON'T BE A LOBSTER

by
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THE way the story goes, a Hawaiian was out fishing for lobster. He had caught a couple and had placed them in some sort of pan. The sidewalls of the pan were not very high. A stranger came up and remarked to the fisherman, "Why didn't you get a deeper pan in which to place those lobsters? When your back is turned, they'll crawl out." Then came the answer from the fisherman: "Friend, you just don't know lobsters. One lobster will never let the other get up higher than himself if he can help it. If one of those lobsters makes a move to get out or higher in the world, his fellow prisoner will always jerk him back."

When I heard that story, I thought what a lesson there was in it. Do we, as brothers, or as friends, through envy or jealousy, hold one another back? If one of us gets a little higher in the world than the other, do we instinctively want to pull him down or stop his progress? You know, jealousy is one of the worst things in the world. It does hurt us sometimes to see others progress.

Two street sweepers were sitting on the street curb talking together. One of their profession had just passed to the great beyond. Speaking of their deceased friend, one street employer observed to the other, "Bill was a great street sweeper." "But," observed his companion sitting beside him, "didn't you think he was a little weak around the lampposts?"

> Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
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> Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
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> When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. (Matthew 2: 1-3)

The king was troubled because he wanted no competition in his holding the sceptre. The people with good cause were troubled because they knew well to what ends a Herod would go to remove this obstacle.

And this is only one black chapter in the thousands of stories of bloodshed in history—the result of jealousy and envy. Thousands of innocent babies were butchered like cattle in the streets because of the selfishness of one soul.

I ask you, dear reader, are you free from this venom that has curdled the blood of the inhabitants of the world since history began? Are you pleased to rejoice at the accomplishments of your friends, or are you envious? When you hear of a relative or friend going places in the world, is there gladness in your soul or does the reptile of envy entwine around your throat and choke the virtue within you? Putting it frankly, are you made happy or are you full of hate because another is up a little higher on the ladder than you?

Don't be a lobster. If your companion can get a little higher than you, don't pull him back.

> Oh, jealousy,
> Thou ugliest fiend of hell! Thy deadly venom
> Preys on my vitals, turns the healthful hue
> Of my fresh cheek to haggard sallowness,
> And drinks my spirit up.
> (Hannah Moore)

Nothing written tells plainer what jealously will do than the story of Shakespeare's "Othello."

You see to what length this poison will go, and to what depths a villain will go when this poison we are talking about gets him under its power. Yes, and to go a little further, how the whitest rose will be crushed in the calloused hands of jealousy. I am talk-

ing about beautiful Desdemona, the traitor Iago, and the champion of honour, the brave Moor Othello, Iago was jealous of his fellow officer, Cassio, because the latter had been advanced to a position Iago wanted himself. He set a trap for the good Cassio and lowered him to the dust. Then he plotted against his commander, accusing Desdemona of infidelity, until in a rage of jealousy the Moor himself killed his lovely wife and then with a dagger ended his own life. As a boy would say, this was a double feature in this story of jealousy.

Pick up the history of any nation. There is a trail of murder and crime as a result of this thing called jealousy. Brothers poisoning brothers to get the throne is an act played throughout the ages.

Jealousy is a cancer of the worst type, and, like a cancer, the only hope of escaping its terrible punishment is to destroy it in its very early stages. It is better by far not to let it get the slighest encouragement to fasten itself to you. Jealousy is like the octopus of the seas.

Another person we read of in holy writ, in a fit of jealousy, slew his brother. Ever since this chapter when Cain played this role with his brother, this octopus of the human makeup has been taking its toll.

When your brother, your friend, and even your competitor, attain recognition in this or that, rejoice with him. Then you show your bigness—then you show you are proud to be called one of God's children.

Don't be a lobster!

While attending a stake conference a few months ago, I heard President George F. Richards tell a story that warmed me to the bone. It was a story of Cain and Abel in reverse. Here's the story:

Abram and Zimri had worked harmoniusly together for years. Their main crop was wheat. One night during harvest time they had spent considerable time in confiding together as brothers will. The result of this meeting was that each brother went to his home with some rather definite plans for the night. Something happened in the exchange of confidences that brought the hearts of these two souls even a little closer than ever. Each went to his bed with some definite resolutions.

Abram arose from his bed. Said he to himself, "When I go home at night a loving wife greets me with a well-cooked supper and my children climb upon my knee. Zimri goes home to a cold house with no one to put a kiss upon his brow. I'll arise and take some of my sheaves and place them upon his stack." He arose and with the help of the moon increased the heap of his brother's grain.

But Zimri, too, was stirred with an emotion that had to be satisfied with a like noble deed. Thought he, "As Abram goes to his home tonight there are many more mouths to feed than there are under my roof. Unknown to him I will take some of my sheaves and place them upon his stack." He arose from his bed and carried sheaves to increase his brother's stack. Then he went to bed to pleasant dreams.

Lo and behold, the next morning as each one visited his respective piles of grain, he noticed that it looked about the same, althougn some sacrifice had been made in each case in the direction of the other.

The next night Abram took his sheaves again and carried them to the grain of his brother. He then lay behind his own heap to solve the mystery. He didn't have to wait long. His brother, with the same emotions, was increasing the granary of Abram.

Abram arose and caught his brother Zimri in his arms and wept upon his neck and kissed his cheek, and Zimri saw the whole and could not speak, neither could Abram, for their hearts were full.

. . . Sweeter sings the brooklet by,
Brighter beams the azure sky;
Oh, there's one who smiles on high
When there's love at home.

—Improvement Era.

A MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY

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of persecution and drivings from the powers of evil. At this conference of elders, where consideration was being given to the compilation and publication in book form of the revelations, a most significant thing happened. The Lord revealed through the Prophet Joseph a great revelation addressed to the people of His Church and "unto all men, and there is," He declared, "none to escape." No message heretofore given, set forth in such clarity and power the world wide nature of the message of the Restored Gospel. **If there had been any question before, this left no room for doubt: Our message is a world message.**

No person can read Section One of the Doctrine and Covenants, realizing that the Church accepts it as the word of the Lord, and ask why we send missionaries into all parts of the world. The responsibility—and a major one it is—falls squarely upon the membership of the Church, for "the voice of warning shall be unto **all people,** by the mouths of **my** disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days." Then the Lord adds: "They shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord hath commanded them." The revelation further states that all these things He has given unto His disciple-missionaries "to publish unto you, O inhabitants of the earth." After declaring that His voice is unto the ends of the earth, the Lord points out that He, "knowing the calamities which shall come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant, Joseph Smith, Junior, and spake unto him from the heavens." The same as in all other dispensations, a means of escape, revealed through a phophet, is provided. Then the Lord emphasizes that He is "willing to make these things known unto all flesh" and that He is "no respector of persons."

As a closing admonition He invites all His children to "search these commandments," which have been revealed for the blessing of all mankind, because "they are true and faithful and the prophesies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled." Though heaven and earth pass away, His "word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by my own voice or by the voice of my servants it is the same."

An so as Latter-day Saints everywhere, with personal testimonies of these great events, we accept humbly, gratefully this major responsibility placed upon the Church. We are happy to be engaged in a partnership with our Heavenly Father in the great work of the salvation and exaltation of His children. Willingly we give of our time and the means with which He may bless us to the establishment of His Kingdom in the Earth. This we know is our first duty and our great opportunity. This spirit has characterized the missionary work of the Church of Christ in all ages. It has been an outstanding mark of the ushering in of the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times—our time. It has characterized the unselfish labours of devoted members of the Church in war-torn Europe during the long war years. Wherever faithful Latter-day Saints are to be found, this spirit of unselfish sacrifice for the greatest cause in all the earth exists.

In a word, we dedicate our all to the work of the Lord—the establishment and growth of His Kingdom and the spread of righteousness. This is our major responsibility. We accept gratefully the challenge and pray ever for the Lord's sustaining power as we go forward.

"And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father."

THE WINNER

By GRANTLAND RICE

The cove who never kids himself,
Who looks at facts without a frown,
Who knows that life is full of knots,
And not a bed of eiderdown—

Who does his stuff against the breaks,
Unmindful of the yapping throng,
With little time for alibis—
Will get along.

The cove who knows the uphill road
Is better training for the fray
Than sliding into quick renown
Along the somewhat softer way—

Who throws self-pity to the gales
And knows that life is mostly fight,
Who chirps, "What of it?" in defeat—
Will do all right.

The bloke who knows the world is rough,
And not a clover best of rest;
Who takes his fortune as it comes
And promptly counters with his best—

Who slogs along through fogs of doubt,
Fear, pain and envy and despair,
With clear eyes fixed upon the goal—
Will get somewhere.

The bloke who chucks aside pretence
And stands four-square with what he has,
Who still can take a sock or two,
Nor crumble up before the razz—

Who doesn't sour on the scrap
Because his luck is badly frayed
But plays the game out to the turn—
Will make the grade.

FURNISH MUSIC FOR RADIO PROGRAMME—This Millennial Chorus, composed of former Missionaries to Great Britain, will be heard during the next 13 weeks on the new radio series for the Church Hour on KSL. They are directed by Bertram T. Willis, one of the conductors of the chorus while it was together in England. Left to right the members of the chorus are: Bertram T. Willis, Kenneth M. Williams, Richard D. Rees, Scott R. Clawson, President, John E. Gillespie, Jr., Dale W. Ansell, Philip L. Richards, Burton S. Miller, Hyrum Mack Smith, Glenn Hill Cornwall, Douglas H. Brammer, Lyle M. Ward, Aldon Jr. Anderson, Fred A. Schwendiman, and J. Allen Jensen, accompanist. Others not shown are: Marvin J. Ashton, Clyde L. Barraclough, William John Seare, Richards G. Smith, and Walter D. Woffinden.